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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. ROCKEFELLER'S NOMINATION AS VICE PRESIDENT AND THE CYPRUS SITUATION WERE AMONG SUBJECTS OF EDITORIAL COMMENT IN KUWAIT'S ARABIC PRESS AUG 21.

2. EDITORIALIST FOR THE WATTAN ACCUSES U.S. OF ARRANGING CYPRUS CRISIS SO IT CAN GAIN A MILITARY BASE IN HAIFA INSTEAD OF IN GREECE. EDITORIAL IN QABBAS ALONG SIMILAR LINES SAYS THAT "MANY NOW BELIEVE THAT THE CYPRUS CISIS WHICH KISSINGER IS ACCUSED OF INFLAMING, WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIM IN ORDER TO FIND A STRONG EXCUSE TO HAVE ISRAEL JOIN NATO AFTER TRICKING GREECE INTO WITHDRAWING."

3. THE SAME QABBAS EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "ANOTHER ZIONIST IN THE WHITE HOUSE," SAYS THAT "ARABS CAN ONLY FEEL DEPRESSION AND PESSIMISM WHEN THEY VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SEAT OF POWER IN THE USA." "THESE NEGATIVE FEELINGS ARE REENFORCED BY THE COMING OF A VICE PRESIDENT KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME FOR HIS SYMPATHY FOR THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ISRAEL," THE EDITORIAL CONTINES. "AND HE IS NOT LESS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR ZIONISM AND ISRAEL THAN THE PRESENT PRESIDENT GERALD FORD."

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4. ADDRESSEES ARE REMINDED THAT KUWAIT PRESS TENDS VIEW US DEVELOPMENTS IN WORST POSSIBLE LIGHT, AND THAT KUWAIT PRESS

OFTEN DOES NOT REFLECT OPINION OF KUWAIT GOVERNMENT OR CITIZENS.

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